

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-14, all the claims presently pending in the application, are rejected only on prior art grounds.

It is noted that Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

All claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Parker (in the book, The Complete Idiot's Guide to Microsoft Front Page 2000, 1999).

This rejection is respectfully traversed in the following discussion.

#### **I. THE CLAIMED INVENTION**

As described by, for example, claim 1, the present invention is directed to a homepage creation and update program which causes a plurality of image files to be displayed and allows a user to select a desired image and to indicate one of homepage creation and update using the selected desired image.

The homepage creation and update program causes a computer to display a plurality of stored images and allow the user to select a desired image. The homepage creation and update program arranges, when the user selects a plurality of desired images and indicates beginning of the homepage creation process, the selected plurality of images according to image information stored in each image file.

The image information for the arrangement can be at least one of image width, image height, image direction, image resolution, trimming, and zooming.

#### **II. THE PRIOR ART REJECTION**

The Examiner alleges that "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Microsoft FrontPage 2000" anticipates the present invention as defined by the claims. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Although it can reasonably be described as eliminating the need for the user to develop HTML code for homepage generation, the tool described in this reference fails to provide all the features of the invention described by the claims.

More specifically, the present invention automatically lays out the selected images according to image information stored in each image file. Applicant submits that this feature differs from, for example, Frontpage, wherein the user's operations are used to change the sizes of the images and/or otherwise determine the image layout.

Applicant submits that Microsoft FrontPage fails to reasonably teach or suggest this unique combination of features of the present invention and that the rejection is unreasonable, based on this point of an automatic layout using information stored with the images.

Hence, turning to the clear language of the claims, in Microsoft FrontPage 2000, there is no teaching or suggestion of: "... arranging, when the user selects a plurality of desired images and indicates beginning of the homepage creation process, the selected plurality of images according to image information stored in each image file", as required by independent claim 1. Independent claim 8 has similar language.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection based on Microsoft FrontPage 2000.

### **III. FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION**

The Examiner objected to the specification for various minor errors on pages 1 and 2. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's attempts to make the specification more readable in accordance with local practice and believes that the above specification changes are made in accordance with Examiner Zhou's helpful suggestions and address the identified concerns.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-14, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

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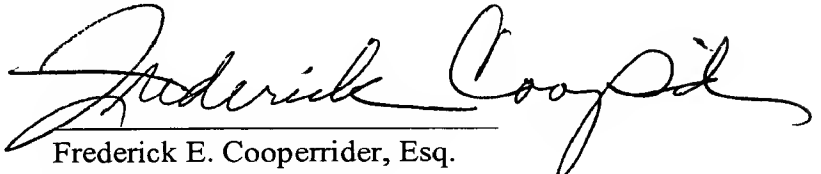
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Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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